



## Waterside Mall Redevelopment

Here are two views of parts of the revision of Waterside Mall, as found on the developers' website, [www.waterfrontdc.com/leasing.htm](http://www.waterfrontdc.com/leasing.htm). On the left is "West Tower Building," which is listed as "Occupancy 9-12 months from commitment by tenant." On the right is the "Northeast Midrise Building" (near the Southwest Branch Library). It also is listed for occupancy 9-12 months from commitment by tenant."



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## SWNA "Fall Potpourri" Mon. Sep. 23

Bringing everyone up to date on happenings in Southwest will be the aim of the regular public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Mon. Sep. 23 at 7:30 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.

The new principal at Amidon Elementary School is being invited to meet the community. The start of construction on the new building at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center will be announced.

An update on the city's Southwest transportation survey will be given, and other reports on local progress will be given. ■



Mayor Anthony Williams signed autographs on a campaign swing through Southwest D.C.

## Safety From Terror Is Goal Of Meetings

The D.C. Emergency Management Agency will hold a training session at 441 4th St. N.W. Sat. Sep. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Any interested resident of Ward 6 is welcome to attend. The Judiciary Metro stop 4th St. exit on the red line is at that building. Advance registration was allowed on the web.

The purpose of the training session is to "help prepare community leaders to be

involved in the development and implementation of an emergency response plan for your own neighborhood," according to an announcement. "It goes on to say, "Your participation will help ensure that your family, friends and neighbors are prepared in the event of an emergency."

On the agency's web site is a pdf for a "Family Emergency Preparedness Guide." The web site is [www.dcreponds.com](http://www.dcreponds.com). ■

## New Waterfront Restaurant Opens In Oct.

By Maurice Boyd

A new eatery—Cantina Marina—is

coming to the Southwest Waterfront near the location of the former Gangplank Restaurant. The restaurant, in the tower and spreading to the pavilion area, will open in two phases—the first slated about Mid-October.

On the menu will be such items as ceviche, broiled or baked fish, burgers, and other blackboard specials. Weekend brunches will be available. Beers and tropical drinks will accompany the food. Catering and party service will be available at some point. Décor will be tropical. Think Mexican resorts. ■

## SWNA Board To Create Three Part Survey

A "think tank" meeting of the SWNA Board of Directors will be held at the SWNA office in Waterside Mall at 7 pm Mon. Sep. 16 to create a survey document to distribute to the S.W. Community at large. Three top-

ics will be included: The Southwest Waterfront Plan; the nature of the Fourth St. Extension and the 20 year development plan for Waterside Mall proposed by Kaempfer Co., Forest City Enterprises and Bresler & Reiner. ■

## Corcoran Art Museum Coming To Southwest

The Millennium Art Center is in discussion with Corcoran Gallery of Art on use of the center's building at 65 I (Eye) St. S.W. Corcoran needs to find new space for three years while extensive new construction is taking place at the museum on 17th St. N.W.

M.A.C.'s owner Bill Wooby appeared at the SWNA Board meeting Sep. 9 and reported: "I might leave. The Corcoran will do a good job, but I would have liked to see my concept come through...I think it would be good for Southwest. They have all the money in the world. It

will be good for you. It won't be a community center. It will be a Corcoran School of Art... By the end of the year we might be out."

Also appearing at the board meeting was Pastor James Butts of 2nd Union Baptist Church on Delaware Ave. S.W. He reported on their efforts for youth and against drug dealing in the neighborhood. Peggy Seates reported on the progress for the Benjamin Banneker memorial on the promenade at L'Enfant Plaza in Southwest. ■

## A New Hotel At 4th & E St. S.W.

By Carole Early

According to the Washington Post Business Section, four Native American tribes will build the only tribally owned enterprise in the District of Columbia here in Southwest. It is being built largely by proceeds from gambling businesses on their reservations.

Besides these investments, some money will come from the owners of the property, Donohoe, the Phillips Development Corp. and through a loan.

It will be run by Hospitality Partners, a Bethesda-based hotel-management company. The hotel will have 233 suites, about 12 stories, a Native American décor and artifacts focusing on Indian history after gambling came to reservations (14 years ago).

The hotel will open in the spring of 2004, a few months prior to the opening of the Smithsonian's new Indian museum, near Independence Ave. S.W. on 4th St. ■

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## Letter To The Editor

### STATUS OF LIVE-ABOARDS AT THE GANGPLANK MARINA

For decades, the Gangplank Marina has been home to a unique and diverse community of live-aboard and weekend boaters. When the National Capital Revitalization Corporation assumed ownership of the Gangplank a year ago, it was home to about 130 live-aboard boats. Today, due to a moratorium, fewer than 100 are left.

NCRC's moratorium signals losses to the city of shared revenue, citizens, homeowners, taxpayers and voters as they depart the only live-aboard marina in the District. Empty slips can be seen on almost every dock.

Though the NCRC has stated they plan no changes at the marina, new rules and policies are having a turbulent effect. The GPSA is seeking landlord-tenant rights for the live-aboards.

*Susan Carpenter, President,  
Gangplank Slipholders Association*

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## 35 Kids At Project Wonder

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As shown in these photos, classes for several age groups kept up the interest of the children in bible topics. ■



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## History Of S.W. Is Highlight Of Walking Tour

By Carole Early

Southwest will be the subject of a free one-hour walking tour on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 3 pm, leaving from the Waterfront/SEU Metrorail Station.

The tour is part of a two day citywide celebration called "D.C. Open House," bringing residents and visitors into the neighborhoods. Washingtonians call home Off-the-Mall museums will be waiving admission during the weekend; professional guides who conduct walking tours of the city will be offering their tours for free.

Carolyn Crouch will be the guide in S.W.A. An eight year resident of Southwest, she is founder of Washington Walks, a walking tour company based in Southwest.

For information about other D.C. Open House activities visit [www.dcheritage.org](http://www.dcheritage.org) or call 202-661-7581. ■

## Southwest Community Calendar Sept.- Oct. 2002

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**WED. SEP. 18,** AARP St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W. 12: noon

**THURS. SEP. 19,** NARFE, S.W. Branch library, 3rd & K St. S.W., 12:30 pm

**THURS. SEP. 19,** PSA 110 Meeting on crime. Second Union Baptist Ch, 1107 Delaware Ave. S.W. 7:30 pm to 11 pm

**SAT. SEP. 21,** Cleanup Waterfront, Gangplank Marina on Patio next to new Cantina Marina 9 am-11:30 am

**SAT. SEP. 21,** Emergency Preparedness training, 441 - 4th St. N.W., Room 1120, 1:30 pm - 4 pm

**MON. SEP. 23,** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly public meeting, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 7:30 pm

**WED. SEP. 25,** Fourth St. Group meets at Harbour Square, 7:30 pm.

**WED. SEP. 25,** WWCA, Harbor Patrol, 600 Water St. S.W. 7:30 p.m. - 9 pm

**FRI. SEP. 27,** KIWANIS awards program, Pier 7 Channel Inn Main Deck Room, 650 Water St., S.W. 6:30 pm to 9 pm. \$20.

**SAT. SEP. 28,** Free Jazz concert outdoors at park at 4th and I (Eye) St. S.W. 12 noon - 10 pm

**TUES. OCT. 1,** Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm

**WED. OCT. 2,** Deadline for Southwester stories for Nov. issue, 554-8560.

**MON. OCT. 7,** SWNA Board at Waterside Mall office, 7 pm

**MON. OCT. 14,** ANC public meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm

**WED. OCT. 16,** AARP, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W. 12 pm

**SAT. OCT. 19,** Church Breakfast open to public \$5, Christ Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. S.W. 9 am-11am

**SAT. OCT. 19,** Boat Cruise sponsored by S.W. History Task Force. \$35 Call 554-0242.

**MON. OCT. 21,** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) monthly meeting, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 7:30 p.m.

**WED. OCT. 23,** 4th St. Group meets at Tiber Island 7:30 p.m.

**WED. OCT. 23,** WWCA Harbor Patrol 600 Water St. S.W. 7:30 pm - 9pm

**THURS. OCT. 24,** NARFE, S.W. Branch Library, 3rd & K St. S.W., 12:30 p.m.

### WEEKLY & BIWEEKLY MEETINGS

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Second and Fourth Wed. - SW Branch Library, 6:45 pm

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**S.W. KIWANIS**  
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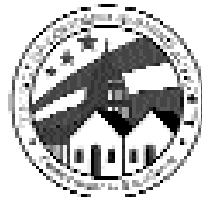
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**This notification announces a design meeting  
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**This community planning process  
will take place on  
Tuesday, Sept. 17,  
from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
and on Wednesday, Sept. 18,  
from 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**The final results of the planning process  
will be presented on  
Sept. 26, from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**The location for all meetings is  
St. Lukes Catholic Church,  
located at 4325 East Capitol Street, SE.**

## Nursery Schools In Southwest

By Carole Early

### RIVER PARK NURSERY SCHOOL

River Park Nursery School, at 1301 Delaware Ave. S.W., has been at its present location over 30 years. It is licensed & meets M-F from 9:00 – 12:30 & is for children 3 to 5. One of the officers of the board explained the school by saying it "provides a safe and nurturing atmosphere to introduce our children to the school experience." The Education Director said that it is "a play-based nursery school with the emphasis on developmentally appropriate activities for the child." It is a Co-op with parent participation. Each day there is a snack, as well as lunch (provided by the parents). There are 2 teachers, and the ratio is 5 to 1. Tuition is monthly (students can enroll for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. For more info. Call Bernadette Blum, Ed. Dir. at 202/484-3397.

### SECOND BAPTIST CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Second Baptist Child Development, at 1200 Canal St. S.W., is licensed for 40

children (2 years – 14 years). The hours are 7 am – 6pm. They offer Before & After school and pick-up & deliver to Anthony Bowen. The director, Ms. Brown says "It is an active learning environment" & they take many field trips. Breakfast is served in the a.m. & snacks are served in the afternoon. There is a mentoring/tutoring program available in the Before & After program. Their rates are according to income and they accept TANE.

### APPLE EARLY LITERACY PRESCHOOL

Apple Early Literacy Preschool in Riverside Baptist Church at 680 I (Eye) St. S.W., is licensed for 40, accreditation is in process, ages are from 3 - 5 years, all year-round school. Hours are from 7:am to 6:pm, their school session is 8:00-3:15 M,T, Th & F, W 8:00 – 12:15. "Our job is to provide the foundation for these kids to be successful in school and life." They are active in the Office of Early Childhood Development and all teachers have college degrees. Their rates are according to income. They accept TANE.

## Plans For Oct. 19 Luncheon Cruise On Potomac

The SWNA History Task Force is planning another \$35 cruise on The Unfinished Business. This cruise would not be a fund raiser as the cruise of the Anacostia was last spring, but would go down the Potomac to view Mt. Vernon from the water, construction for the Wilson Bridge, and the historic Alexandria waterfront. Call 554-0242 for information. ■

## My Years In Southwest

By Joseph F. Evans

(Note: Mr. Evans responded to the Southwest web site's suggested topic with this report from the 1950s)

I remember Southwest during the 1950s. At that time my parents and I moved into Southwest. We lived on N St. S.W. between 54 and 74 N St.

Across the street was Howison Place. I attended Syphax during the last part of my elementary school years.

We lived in two brick homes and the walls were so thin you could have long conversations with your neighbors and did not have to use a telephone.

Around the corner, that is on O St., was Gold Star store. We all called it Goldsteins DGS, and many kids used to go there and buy penny candy, some sodas, what not. Sonny Goldstein was the man's name.

Also, many of us kids loved to play in the alley in the back of N Street, though down the street was Hoover's playground.

I attended church, Rehoboth Baptist Church on First St. I knew Reverend A.H.S. Johnson before he died, and Reverend Lewis came later.

Many of my friends came out of Southwest. We attended Randall Junior High. Many of us separated by the time of High School. I ended up in Cardozo High.

Ralph "Petey" Green, now deceased. Often spoke of his times growing up in Southwest as well. Names: Old families such as Hughes, Weems, Battles. They were a big part of Southwest then.

Now I must go. Hope you get this message. ■

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## BEES for Atlas Starts in Nov.

By Carole Early

An environment-based summer program for teenagers between 14 and 16 held its closing session at Southeastern University recently and will start again Mon. - Thurs. afternoons in November.

Called "Building Environmental Solutions (BEES) for ATLAS," it is designed to provide academic enrichment, improve work maturity skills and encourage students to make a difference in their communities.

In this summer's 5-week session, the students focused on: writing resumes, completing job application, developing job skills and enhancing their job maturity skills and studying the environment. Students also went on field trips to the Anacostia Waterfront, the Potomac & Chesapeake Bay, the C and O Canal Barge, Poplar Island, Blue Plains Treatment Center and the Patuxent Research Center.

Certificates were presented to all of the students that completed the program. Teenagers from Southwest were: Antwain Bynum, Joshua Conley, Roger Dorsey, Jeremiah Farmer, Mercedes Ford, Tashounda Galloway, James Hill, Ebony Jackson, Andrika Palmer, Karl Pitts, Latresse Speaks, Tiffany Tinner and Angelique Wood.

A special awards certificate was issued to Phil Wallace, Supervisor of the Physical Plant at SEU. He ensured "smooth sailing" for the program. After the ceremony, there was a lovely reception.

The BEES Program is conducted by the PETRA Group, Inc. which is funded by the Department of Employment Services (DOES). The students are paid a stipend. The Project Director, Mrs. Nell Dobbins, lives in SW.

Teenagers between the ages of 14-16 are encouraged to apply for the program, which begins its in-school winter session in November.

For specific information, students should report to the Department of Employment Services, 625 H St. N.E. ■

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## Community Meets On Crime At 2nd Union Baptist Church

By Alvin Hudgens

**G**reenleaf Annex residents met at Second Union Baptist Church at Delaware Ave and L St. S.W. to discuss their dissatisfaction with public safety issues such as drug trafficking and lack of security in public housing.

Residents were allowed to ask questions of a panel – Sgt. Edward Bernat, MPD/PSA 110, Mrs. Janis Gleaton, regional administrator of Rock Creek division of the housing authority and Chief Madison Jenkins, public housing police.

Coordinating the meeting were Pastor James Butts and Deacon Randy Stephens of Second Union Baptist Church, Mrs. Naomi Monk and Irv Gamza.

At the Sep. 19 PSA 110 meeting on neighborhood crime a judge will be present, but not as a key speaker, but to meet with the community and answer quality of life and public safety questions.

The meeting will be at 2nd Union Baptist Church, 1107 Delaware Ave. S.W. Thurs. Sep. 19 from 7:30 to 11 pm

## Summer Camp At King-Greenleaf Recreation Center

**A** summer of fun brought dozens of youngsters together at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. S.W.

Here are a few photos of their activities.



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### Bowen Tutor Correction

The correct phone number for Experience Corps volunteers to help at Bowen School is 797-1150.

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# Culture Clash At Arena Stage

By Renee M. Littleton

Arena Stage welcomes back artists Culture Clash and director Charles Randolph-Wright (Guys and Dolls) for the commissioned world premiere of *Anthems: Culture Clash* in the District. Taken right from the communities of Washington, DC, and based upon hundreds of interviews with residents of the District, *Anthems* delves into the lives of the District's residents after September 11. Shown through a series of moving scenes and vignettes, weaving elements of the past and present, the performance piece draws attention to the cultural, social and political aspects of the District.

Bringing this powerful piece to the stage is *Culture Clash*, which consists of head writer Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza. Using their gift as storytellers and with a talented cast of nine actors, assembled onstage is a poignant story based upon interviews with individuals, including Muslim taxicab drivers, clergy, university students, philanthropists, cheerleaders and grief counselors.

"I've long been a fan of the work of the artists, playwrights, forensic poets that are *Culture Clash*, one of the most refreshing and outrageous groups on the American scene today," said Artistic Director Molly

Smith. "I'm particularly thrilled to place this new work in the capable hands of Charles Randolph-Wright, a brilliant director of theater, film and television. The synergy of these artists will produce an irreverent valentine—hilarious, provocative, poignant—to our city."

*Anthems: Culture Clash* in the District runs until October 13 at Arena Stage. For ticket information, call 202-488-3300 or click [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org).



Richard Montoya and Joseph Kamal at Arena Stage.

## Ward 6 Council Candidates At AARP Forum

Here are scenes from the Ward 6 Council candidate forum sponsored by AARP at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The three candidates are shown at their microphones, left

to right: Jennifer Ellingston, Statehood/Green Party; Sharon Ambrose, Democratic Party (incumbent); Keith Perry, Democratic Party.



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## Rev. Ruth Hamilton, Of SW

### A PROFILE

By Maurice Boyd

The Reverend Ruth Hamilton, and her husband Rev. Brian Hamilton, have been co-pastors of Westminster Presbyterian Church at 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. since 1996. They live on Carrollburg Pl., S.W., with their four year old son, Roman, and Brian's 17 year old son, Eric, who attends Woodrow Wilson High School.

They came to Southwest, D.C., from Detroit, where each was an associate pastor at separate downtown Presbyterian churches. Here at Westminster they share ministerial duties in a congregation composed of both neighbors and suburban attendees.

Rev. Ruth is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, where she also taught speech and preaching. She worked as a United Church of Christ co-pastor in Fairfield, CA.

Her undergraduate work included three years at Mt. Holyoke College and a degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

Her father, Rev. Bill Lytle, taught and supervised mission work at the College (now University) of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arizona. Rev. Ruth started school in Clarksville and then, when the family was on sabbatical, attended the American School in Mexico City, where she was immersed in Mexican culture. She worked as a student-volunteer when they traveled to Guatemala.

She finished high school in Chautauqua, NY.

Rev. Brian Hamilton has rehabbed the home they live in on Carrollburg Pl and the one next door and has a stained glass workshop at the church. At Westminster, they have introduced Jazz on Friday Night, a walking labyrinth, (built into the floor of the sanctuary), and have started The Southwest Catering Company, which uses the church kitchen.

While conducting this interview, I learned that the Hamiltons have a very extensive broad-ranging library. Rev. Ruth was kind enough to lend me books on the religions of "people of The Book," and on Jesus. I wish I could say I was making better progress in reading them, but, maybe one of these days? ■

## Sorab Modi Lectures on Art, Opera

By Carole Early

Southwest resident Sorab Modi is lecturing at the Smithsonian and will be lecturing on the Washington Opera's performance of Aida.

He has lived in River Park for almost 20 years. Recently, when I visited the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at 1050 Independence Ave. S.W., I was pleased to discover that Sorab was one of the three story-tellers at the Hamza Exhibit.

This exhibit of Arabic art from the 16th century displays 61 rare works from throughout the world. (Only 200 ancient paintings describing the adventures of the Hamza are known to have survived).

The story telling is in one of the rooms that is dubbed the "coffee house." (There is no coffee, but there are lots of pillows.) It is a wonderful place to relax and hear great stories.

Story telling is at 11:00 am, noon and 1:00 pm every day until Sep. 29, when the exhibit ends. ■

## We Saw You At Family Day

The annual Family Day at Lansburg Park was sponsored by Southwest Neighborhood House and the SW/SE Collaborative.

Here are pictures of just a few of the hundreds of people from Southwest who attended. Several rides for children and the usual supply of good food were highlights. ■



## Arena Stage Ad p/u from last issue

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